

REMARKS

Further consideration of this application is requested. Claims 9-14 are in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

Responding to the issues raised in the outstanding Official Action, claim 8 has been withdrawn, this being without prejudice to a divisional application directed to the subject matter of this claim.

Previous claims 1-3 and 5-8 have been withdrawn and re-presented as new claims 9-14. In preparing this response, counsel has taken care to follow the comments and objections for alleged lack of definiteness at the bottom of page 2 of the Official Action and expressed the claims in appropriate terminology with respect to the various components. A new set of claims is also free of the objection raised on page 3, first paragraph of the Official Action.

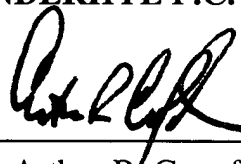
It is respectfully submitted that claims 9-14 are now in condition for allowance, there being no prior art applied in the current Official Action. If, for any reason, the examiner prefers a different form of expression or other adjustments are required, please contact the undersigned by telephone.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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